Judiciary Committee Members

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA Wednesday, March 11, 2015 10:30 AM in Room 2E of the LOB

General Assembly January Session, 2015

Please add as an amendment to the raised bill Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY the below new section.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Please amend the Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 46b-86. "Modification of alimony or support orders and judgments" by adding the following section.

"ADD NEW SECTION" Sec. 46b-86. (d)

In an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation or annulment brought by a husband or wife, in which a final judgment has been entered providing for the current or future payment of an employment or individual retirement benefit from one party to the other, the Superior Court upon notice and hearing shall modify such judgment and terminate the current or future payment of the retirement benefit upon a showing that the party that is receiving or to receive such retirement benefit from the other has been found in contempt regarding any such persons financial obligations contained within the dissolution of marriage which includes, but is not limited to payments to creditors, causing financial harm of the credit rating of the opposing party, failure to pay child support, alimony, or any other financial obligation contained in such dissolution of marriage.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement reforms in family court proceedings to maintain an equitable dissolution of marriage. To be "found in contempt" have become meaningless words within the court rooms of this State. Persons owing child support or have other financial obligations have also learned to move out of State. Only court option is incarceration, which we know rarely happens.

Courts need to continuously be able to effectuate financially its dissolution of marriage order while staying within the parameters of such.

Thank you for any consideration that you can give to this request.

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